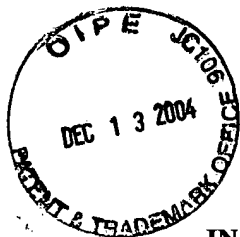


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REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 FOR CONFIRMATION COPY OF
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STATEMENT OF 2 JANUARY 2004

Pursuant to the terms of 37 CFR 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests that his undersigned representative be provided with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied his Information Disclosure Statement as filed on 2 January 2004.

More particularly, Applicant respectfully notes that this application was allowed on the first action after a series of telephone conversations between the Examiner and the undersigned concerning the wording of acceptable claims and the filing of a Preliminary Amendment. Applicant has received a package containing the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, a Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892) and a copy of the Form PTO 1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement filed as part of the original filing of this application (duly signed, dated and initialed by the Examiner in confirmation of his consideration of the art listed therein received by the undersigned).

Unfortunately, however, a copy of the Form PTO 1449 filed with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of 2 January 2004 (duly signed, dated and initialed by the Examiner in confirmation of his consideration of the art listed therein) has never been received.

In the above regard it is noted that in his Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner makes reference to US Patent No. 5,005,122 and US Patent No. 6,662,205 B1 as being pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. It further is noted that US Patent 5,005,122 and EP 0 834 809 A2 (that corresponds to US Patent 6,662,205 B1) are the references listed on Applicant's Form PTO-1449 filed on 2 January 2004. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner had before him, and considered, all of the subject matter cited to him by the Applicant at the time that this application was allowed.


Nevertheless, for the sake of good order and to complete the file of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that its undersigned representative be provided with **a copy of the Form PTO 1449 filed with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of 2 January 2004, duly signed, dated and initialed by the Examiner in confirmation of his consideration of the art listed therein.**

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Applicant believes that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this request. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 13, 2004


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